

First, the bill waives, for Fiscal Year 2002, the restriction in law against assistance to countries where a democratic government has been overthrown by military coup. The President may waive the restriction in Fiscal Year 2003, but only if he determines that doing so would facilitate the transition to democratic rule in Pakistan and if it is important to the fight against terrorism. As we all know, there was a military coup in Pakistan in 1999. The current government has pledged to hold elections next fall. This provision keeps the focus on the U.S. policy objective that elections should be held in Pakistan.

Second, the bill permits an expeditious waiver of sanctions imposed last fall against the Pakistani Ministry of Defense for violations of the Missile Technology Control Regime. Current law permits the President to waive these sanctions if it is essential to the national security. But he is required to notify Congress 45 working days before doing so. The bill allows the President to exercise the waiver without waiting those nine weeks.

Third, the bill waives provisions of law which restrict assistance to nations in arrears on their payments of official debt to the United States. The United States just rescheduled some of Pakistan's debt, but that rescheduling does not take effect for several weeks, so this provision allows assistance to flow to Pakistan in the meantime.

Finally, the bill provides additional flexibility in providing emergency military assistance to any country assisting us in the campaign against terrorism by reducing, but not eliminating, the notification periods for these authorities for two years.

The bill makes no other changes to current law. Rather than provide broad waiver authority to override the significant structure of laws we have enacted in recent decades, as the State Department asked, we have narrowly tailored the legislation to address the specific provisions of law that were obstacles to helping Pakistan. In so doing, we are not foregoing any of the important policy objectives we have in Pakistan, particularly our non-proliferation objectives.

I should emphasize that this provision has broad support. It was negotiated on a bipartisan basis within the Committee on Foreign Relations, and with the Chairman and Ranking Mem-

ber of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, Senator LEAHY and Senator MCCONNELL. Because of the urgency of trying to get this legislation to the President, we have agreed to "double-track" the bill. We will move it free-standing today, and the Appropriations Committee will incorporate it into the foreign operations appropriations bill when that is considered in the Senate.

Mr. President, as we have since September 11, we stand united in support of the President. We stand ready to assist the Administration in the campaign against terrorism. I hope my colleagues will support this legislation.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, the title amendment be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1465), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The title amendment was agreed to.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1499

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1499, introduced earlier today by Senator KERRY and others, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1499) to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request on behalf of the other side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk.

MEASURES INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—S. 985 and S. 1181

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar Nos. 127 and 130 be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. Friday, October 5, for a pro forma session, and that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, October 9, at 9:30 a.m.

Further, on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exception: Senator BYRD of West Virginia, 30 minutes; further, that at 10 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1447, the aviation security bill, with 30 minutes of debate equally divided between the majority leader and the Republican leader, or their designees, prior to a 10:30 a.m. rollcall vote on cloture on the motion to proceed, with the mandatory quorum waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will convene on Friday for a pro forma session and adjourn until Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. On Tuesday, there will be a period of morning business until 10 a.m. The Senate will vote on cloture on the motion to proceed to the aviation safety bill at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. We hope cloture will be invoked so the Senate may begin consideration of the aviation bill next week.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:30 p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 5, 2001, at 10 a.m.